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SUBJECT NETO AND MACHEL VISIT TO LUSAKA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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1. TANZANIA HIGH COMMISSIONER OBED KATIKAZA TOLD ME TODAY THAT MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO HAD COME TO LUSAKA FOR A MEETING OF THE 39-MEMBER MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE. KATIKAZA, WHO HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH NETO ON THE FLIGHT TO LUSAKA FROM DAR ON OCTOBER 2, EXPRESSED THE VIEW THE MPLA MEETING SHOULD LEAD TO A DECISION FOR AN EFFECTIVE COALITION WITH FNLA. THE BRAZZAVILLE AGREEMENT ON A COMMON FRONT OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WAS MORE THAN JUST A SCRAP OF
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PAPER; THE UNITY SOUGHT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED WITHIN

A MATTER OF WEEKS, HE THOUGHT.

2. THE PARTICIPATION OF UNITA, KATIKAZA SAID, IS STILL STRONGLY OPPOSED BY CERTAIN MPLA AND FNLA FACTIONS; ZAMBIA, ZAIRE AND TANZANIA ARE TRYING TO WEAR DOWN THIS OPPOSITION. KATIKAZA HAS BEEN MEETING REGULARLY WITH JORGE SANGUMBA WHO HANDLES UNITA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. KATIKAZA THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE NETO WOULD END UP AS THE LEADER OF COMMON ANGOLAN FRONT TO NEGOTIATE WITH PORTUGUESE BUT HE DOUBTED THIS WOULD ENSURE HIS PERMANENCY OR GUARANTEE HIS LEADERSHIP OF A FREE ANGOLA. IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED, HE SAID, THAT SELECTION OF THE LEADER OF FREE ANGOLA CAN ONLY COME ABOUT THROUGH ELECTIONS.

4. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO TALKED WITH SAMORA MACHEL ON THE DAR/LUSAKA FLIGHT. MACHEL'S PRECISE MISSION WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, BUT KATIKAZA GAINED THE IMPRESSION HE HAD COME TO SEEK PRIVATE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND POSSIBLE TO PLAY A ROLE IN FACILITATING THE FORMATION OF A COMMON ANGOLAN FRONT. MACHEL, WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA, WAS TO LEAVE LUSAKA OCT 5 PRESUMABLY TO RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM. WILKOWSKI

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